

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 15 with the following:

A 1.8-kb fragment from the orotidine phosphate decarboxylase gene was inserted in the 1785-bp ORF (the protein-coding region) of the pyruvate decarboxylase gene *pdcl* (SPAC1F8.07c) of the fission yeast *S. pombe* to obtain a *pdcl*-disrupted vector. A green fluorescent protein-producing uracil-requiring auxotroph (obtained by inactivating the orotidine phosphate decarboxylase activity of the yeast strain used in the octuplicated integrative production system disclosed in JP-A-2000-262284 through gene disruption) was transformed with the vector. A uracil-unrequiring strain capable of forming colonies on the minimum medium was collected. Analysis of the genomic DNA by PCR amplification confirmed disruption of the pyruvate decarboxylase gene.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 20 with the following:

The name of the gene: Dipeptidyl aminopeptidase gene SPC14C4.15c (dipeptidyl aminopeptidase)